

Juveniles Learn That Poor Choices Can Lead to Christmas Behind Bars

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Logansport Juvenile Correctional Facility held its quarterly Community Advisory Board Meeting on Thursday December 13, 2007.

Community members in attendance at the meeting were Logansport Mayor Michael Fincher, Cass Commissioner Dick Rusk, Assistant Principle Logansport High School Matt Jones, State Representative Rich McClain and Barbara Taylor of All Saints Catholic Church.

Community Advisory Boards are a way to open communications between local community organizations and the facility. , " said Commissioner J. David Donahue, "The agency as whole is dedicated to providing to the communities, in which we operate, information about our missions and visions".

"Meeting with our community leaders is a valuable tool for both the community and the facility", Said Superintendent Kellie Whitcomb. "With the information shared during these meetings it allows both the community and the facility to foster a positive working relationship."

Topics discussed at the meeting included information on the CLIFF (Clean Lifestyle Is Freedom Forever), a methamphetamine treatment program. Also discussed was an overview of the facilities intake unit operations and mission, where male juveniles sentenced to the Indiana Department of Correction are screened and evaluated prior to being placed in one of six (6) treatment facilities throughout the state. If you, or your organization, would like to attend contact the Facility Community Involvement Coordinator Kurt Kiefer at 574-753-7571.

About The Department of Correction

The Department employs over 8,000 employees and houses 24,000 adult and juveniles in 32 facilities, ranging from minimum to maximum custody, prison camps, juvenile facilities and work release centers. The Department's home page on the Internet can be found at: <http://www.in.gov/indcorrection>. The Department's Re-entry Site can be found: <http://www.reentry.in.gov>.